

# Festival Programme & Map

## Fri 26 July – Sat 27 July



**bd:Festival**

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# Map & Times

All events except ARCADE are free with no need to book in advance.

## City Park & Centenary Square

- 1** Queenie and the Pooka  
(Inside City Library)  
**Fri** 4pm  
**Sat** 12pm, 3.30pm
- 2** Bradford Stories Bus  
**Sat** 1am-6pm  
**Play Space**  
**Sat** 11.30-6pm
- 3** I, Honeypot  
**Sat** 3pm & 5.15  
**Mdme Kakapo & Son**  
**Fri** 5 & 6.30pm  
**Punjabi Band Baja**  
**Fri** 4.30 & 6.15pm
- 4** Taroo  
**Fri** 6.30pm  
**Sat** 12.15pm & 4.45pm
- 5** Pan-//Catwalk  
**Fri** 5.30pm  
**Sat** 3.30pm
- 6** Perceptions  
**Fri** 8.15pm  
**Sat** 2pm & 7pm
- 7** Rombald the Giant and the Rainbow Trout  
Anytime
- 8** + (Suma)  
**Fri** 7.15pm  
**Sat** 1pm & 6pm
- 9** TEABREAK  
**Sat** 3pm & 5.30pm
- 10** ARCADE  
See website (address in listings) for times & info
- 11** Drinking St  
George's Hall  
**Sat** 11am-4pm

## Tyrell St. & Bank St.

- 12** The Museum of Memorable Trees  
**Sat** 1 & 3pm  
Wildflower  
**Sat** 12.30 & 2.30pm  
Punjabi Band Baja  
**Sat** 1.45pm
- 13** SMOOSH!  
**Sat** 11.30am & 4pm

## Broadway

- 14** Punjabi Band Baja  
**Sat** 12.30 & 3pm  
Wattle & Daub  
**Sat** 12.45 & 3.30pm
- 15** It's Your Funeral  
(Inside, by the old M&S)  
**Sat** 1.30pm & 4.30pm
- 16** Public Trust  
**Thurs, Fri, Sat**  
10am-6pm

## Find Out More

Need travel details?  
Want to find good grub nearby?  
Want more info on the acts?

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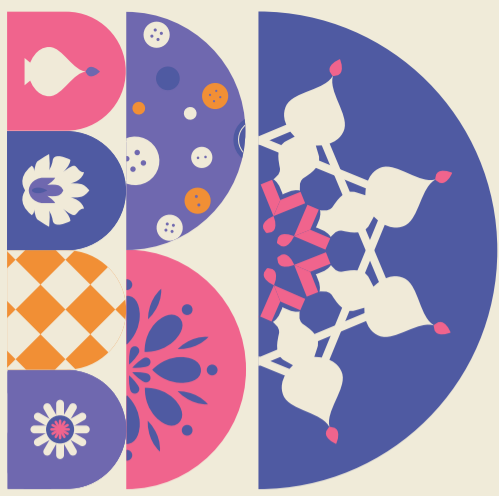
All shows are wheelchair accessible. For further assistance on the day please ask one of the volunteers, or email [press.communications@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:press.communications@bradford.gov.uk)

## Want a programme?

Look out for our amazing team of volunteers who will be out and about across the weekend.

## Need to take time out?

Visit The Broadway Sensory Room **15**



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### City Park & Centenary Square

#### ARCADE by DARKFIELD (Take Part)

10 City Park  
17-28 July Tickets £13 | 30min | 16+  
For times and tickets go to: [bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/arcade](http://bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/arcade)

An interactive narrative using the aesthetic of 1980's video games, complete darkness, 360 degree binaural sound and sensory effects to immerse players in a war-torn world through which they can choose their own path.

#### Bradford Stories Bus by The National Literacy Trust (Take Part)

2 City Park  
Sat 11am-6pm, Drop-in Anytime

Hop on board the Bradford Stories Bus for interactive storytelling and book giveaways throughout the day.

#### Drinking St George's Hall by Edible Archives (Take Part)

11 St George's Hall  
Sat 11am-4pm, Drop-in Anytime

Celebrate the unique live music heritage of St George's Hall – from Rock and Roll to Bhangra and Bassline – through sound, set, and the bubbles of a live-fermenting drink, with flavours inspired by these stories.

#### I, Honeypot by Nikhita Devi (Wandering Performance)

3 City Park  
Sat 3pm & 5.15pm (30min)

In a world where humans no longer have the time or energy to learn to dance, the artform has been outsourced to AI and an automaton named Honeypot is here to entertain you.

#### Mdme Kakapo & Son by Amadan Ensemble (Wandering Performance)

2 City Park  
Fri 5pm & 6:30pm (30min)

Look out for the hilarious Mdme Kakapo & Son, roaming the streets with their mysterious boxes. These loveable scoundrels may be out to fleece you but they're very bad at being bad – and their future might be in your hands!

### Tyrell St. & Bank St.

#### SMOOSH! by Paraorchestra (Parade)

13 Starting from Tyrell St.  
Sat 11.30am & 4pm (40min)

A rip-roaring music parade from Paraorchestra. Musicians, dancers and local performers form a mobile human jukebox - think Fatboy Slim meets Kate Bush meets Basement Jaxx. Free, inclusive, and family-friendly. Presented in partnership with Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture.

#### The Museum of Memorable Trees by Harry Pizzey (Wandering Performance)

12 Tyrell St. & Bank St.  
Sat 1 & 3pm (45min)

Discover evocative, arboreal tales and miniature worlds in this mobile tree museum.

#### Wildflower by Curious Arts (Wandering Performance)

12 Tyrell St. & Bank St.  
Sat 12.30 & 2.30pm (30min)

Join the Wildflowers as they ride by for a fun, floral pop-up performance. Creating a welcoming environment where everyone can thrive!

#### Punjabi Band Baja by Punjabi Roots (Parade)

Sat 12 Tyrell St. & Bank St: 1.45pm  
See listing under City Park & Centenary Sq.

#### Pan-//Catwalk by Zwermers (Performance)

5 Centenary Square  
Fri 5:30pm Sat 3:30pm (45min)

From a worn-out denim jacket to extravagant glitter dress, our clothes are an expression of who we are, who we want to be. What does that second skin say about us? With two performers, a violinist and a never-ending row of outfits, Zwermers pay tribute to the colorful and versatile human being.

#### Perceptions by Compagnie Bivouac (Performance)

6 Centenary Square  
Fri 8.15pm Sat 2 & 7pm (50min)

Circus as you've never seen it before. Perceptions is a journey to the heart of quantum imagery where the infinitely large meets the infinitely small.

#### Punjabi Band Baja by Punjabi Roots (Parade)

Fri 3 City Park: 4.30 & 6.15pm  
Sat 14 Broadway: 12.30 & 3pm  
12 Tyrell & Bank St: 1.45pm (20mins)

Prepare to be transported to the vibrant streets of India with the Punjabi Roots Band Baja and their parade of dhol players and Bhangra dancers.

#### Taroo by Company Zid (Performance)

4 City Park  
Fri 6:30pm  
Sat 12.15pm & 4.45pm (40min)

Fusing Parkour, Chinese pole and urban moves, Taroo tells stories from streets across the world, but all is not what it seems. Performed and created by Moroccan free runner, stage director, actor and stuntman Said Mouhssine.

### Broadway

#### It's Your Funeral by Surge Scotland (Performance)

15 Broadway (inside)  
Sat 1.30 & 4.30pm (45min)

Our irreverent yet approachable funeral directors invite you to arrange your very own life party.

#### Public Trust by Paul Ramirez Jonas, produced with Fierce (Take Part)

16 Broadway (inside)  
Thurs, Fri, Sat 10am-6pm  
Drop-in Anytime

How serious are the promises we make to one another, the vows we take, or the pledges made by our civic leaders? This interactive artwork asks participants to examine the value of their word.

#### Wattle & Daub by Daisy Williams & Paula Pretzel (Wandering Performance)

14 Broadway (outside)  
Sat 12.45 & 3.30pm (40mins)

Beautician babes Wattle & Daub, on a mission to embellish the world.

#### Punjabi Band Baja by Punjabi Roots (Parade)

Sat 14 Broadway (outside)  
12.30 & 3pm  
See listing under City Park & Centenary Sq.

#### TEABREAK by Trigger (Performance)

9 City Park  
Sat 3pm & 5.30pm (30min)

Catch your breath and enjoy a free, freshly made brew in this heart-warming show. Gently glide through an audio journey of tea and how it's found its way into our tea pots.

#### Rombald the Giant and the Rainbow Trout by Designs in Air / Filthy Luker & Pedro Estrellas (Sculpture) 7 City Park, Anytime

Don't miss this brand-new GIANT inflatable sculpture as it transforms the Mirror Pool. Designs in Air are a trail-blazing inflatable design company renowned for their unique sculptures created for pop-up installations and featured at events around the Globe.

#### Queenie and the Pooka by Spin Arts (Performance)

1 City Library  
Fri 4pm (45min)  
Sat 12 & 3.30pm (45min)

This is the story of a Traveller girl who dreams of travelling the world and a mischievous shape-shifting Pooka that's trapped in her home and has plans for a wild adventure.

#### + (Suma) by SOUND DE SECÀ (Performance)

8 City Park  
Fri 7.15pm Sat 1 & 6pm (50min)

Not suitable for people with light sensitivity or epilepsy. A unique theatre, dance and music experience combining percussion, energetic choreography and catchy beats. '+' is a shared ritual, a common public space, a meeting point, uniting as a community to celebrate our differences.

#### Play Space by 50 Things to Do (Take Part) For ages 0-5

2 City Park  
Sat 11.30am-6pm, Drop-in Anytime

Come and join the 50 Things to Do team in their relaxed play space for bubbles, creative junk, book sharing and loads more playful prompts.

### Elsewhere Locally

#### 29% Festival by Common Wealth Theatre (Festival)

Common Space, 26-28 July

Celebrating and platforming the incredible young people and artists who make up 29% of Bradford's population, with live performance, music, dance, theatre, workshops, debates, food, visual art and activism. For more information go to [commonwealththeatre.co.uk/Bradford](http://commonwealththeatre.co.uk/Bradford)

#### Shipley Summer Special, All the Fun of the Carnival (Festival)

Shipley, Sat 27 July, 10am-4pm

Come and enjoy a packed day of free entertainment and activities taking place throughout the town centre. From inflatable assault courses to face painting, dance workshops, live music, a carnival parade, stage shows and much more! For more information go to [shipleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://shipleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

#### Street Art Mural by NeSpoon

26 Church Bank, BD1 4DZ  
From Sat 27 July

Commissioned by Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture. A new piece of public art by internationally renowned street artist, NeSpoon. The mural is inspired by Bradford's rich textile history and is the first installation of BD: Walls, an exciting new street-art trail set to launch later this year.

Twitter: @BDCulture\_  
Facebook: BDCu1ture

[visitbradford.com/bdfestival](http://visitbradford.com/bdfestival)

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# Timetable

■ City Park & Centenary Sq.

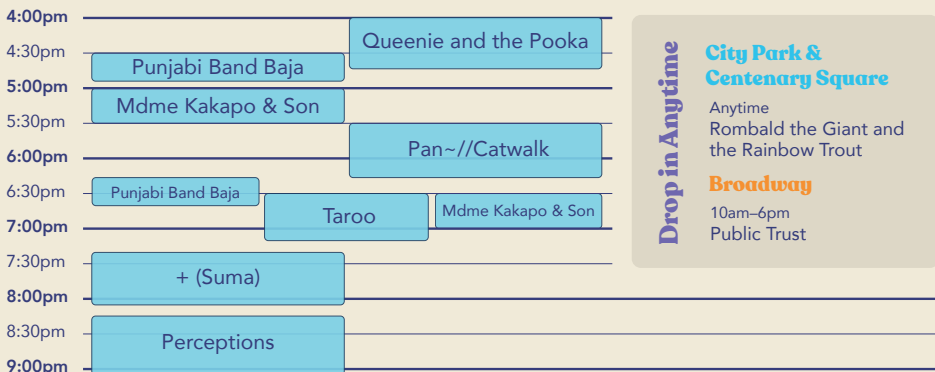
■ Broadway Shopping Centre

■ Tyrell St. & Bank St.

ARCADE (30min), City Park

For times and tickets:  
bradford-theatres.co.uk/  
whats-on/arcade

## Friday 26 July



**Drop in Anytime**

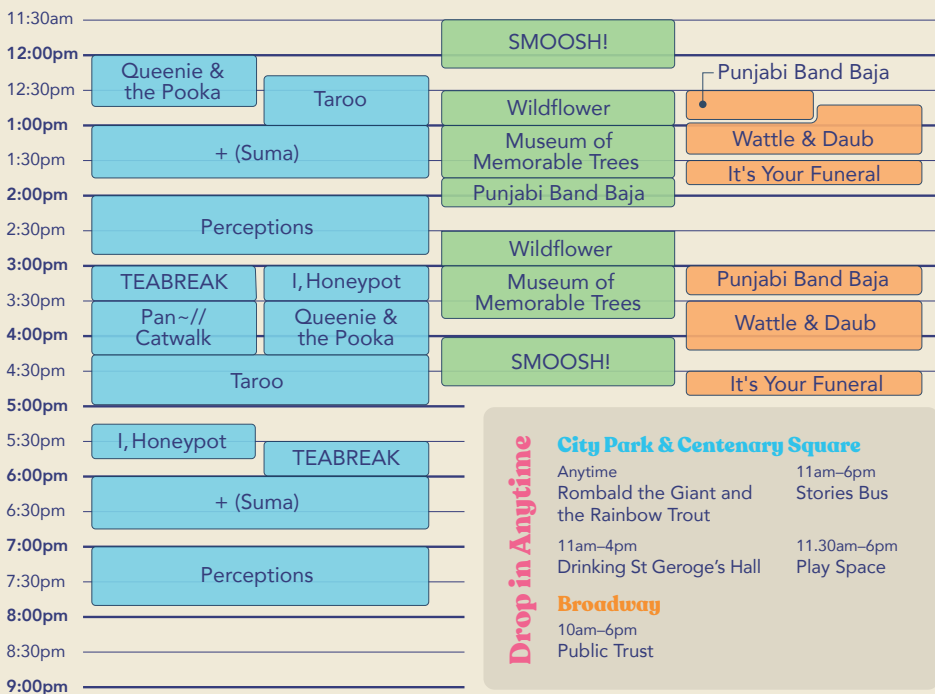
### City Park & Centenary Square

Anytime  
Rombald the Giant and the Rainbow Trout

### Broadway

10am–6pm  
Public Trust

## Saturday 27 July



**Drop in Anytime**

### City Park & Centenary Square

Anytime  
Rombald the Giant and the Rainbow Trout

11am–4pm  
Drinking St George's Hall

11am–6pm  
Stories Bus

11.30am–6pm  
Play Space

### Broadway

10am–6pm  
Public Trust